Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programmes (ARWSP)

1647. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to provide sources of safe drinking water to each village, Acclerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) was launched; if so, the duration of ARWSP and total investment made there in along with details of number of villages, State-wise, covered by the programme;

(b) the details of investment made on implementation of the National Drinking Water Mission, presently renamed as Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, since its inclusion in the five societal missions in 1986, plan period-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of drinking sources provided under the mission alongwith the number of villages covered.

(d) the State-wise number of villages which were identified in he categories of those provided with safe drinking water facility so far; and

(e) the steps taken, if any, to ensure protection of such drinking water sources against pollution from industrial effluents wherever industries have been set up in the vicinity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a), (c) and (d) Yes Sir, The ARWSP was introduced in 1972-73, withdrawn from 1974-75 and reintroduced in 1977-78. A sum of Rs. 5943.25 crore has been released so far, as central assistance under the programme. The State-wise coverage of villages and problem villages under the ARWSP and State sector MNP on the basis of 1981 census is as given at Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 34]

(b) Details of investments made since the inception of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission under ARWSP.

(Rs. in crore)

(i) VIIth Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1989-90)	1905.64
(ii) Annual Plan (1990-91)	410.54
(iii) Annual Plan (1991-92)	644.49
(iv) VIIIth Five Year Plan (Allocation) (1992—97)	5100.00
(v) Annual Plan (1992-93)	459.00
(vi) Annual Plan (1993-94)	737.02
(vii) Annual Plan (1994-95) (upto Feb. 95)	675.81

(c) Under the Programme only safe drinking water sources are provided. However, steps are immediately taken to rectify the problem of water pollution as and when noticed.

National Drinking Wter Mission

1648. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provision of safe drinking water facilities in all the villages has been envisaged in the programme of the National Drinking Water Mission, introduced during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the basic objectives set out in the said programme;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the extent of implementation of the programme as well as to verify the bonafide of the expenses incurred on this account;